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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, MOPS, LE
SUBJ: ERUPTION OF FIGHTING IN BEIRUT

REF: STATE 167997

1. I MET WITH SECGEN WALDHEIM FOR THIRTY MINUTES THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS REFTTEL ON LEBANON. HE AGREE TO CONTACT HIS REPRESENTATIVES IN LEBANON AND SYRIA IMMEDIATELY TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER THE WEEKEND VIOLENCE AND URGE EVERY POSSIBLE STEP TO RESTORE A DISCIPLINED CEASE FIRE.
2. SECGEN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE MESSAGE RELAYED
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TO HIM REGARDING THE GRAVE CONCERN OF THE USG ABOUT THE DEVELOPING VIOLENCE IN BEIRUT. HIS INFORMATION INDICATED THAT IT PRIMARILY CENTERED ON CONFLICTS AMONG CHRISTIAN FACTIONS, RELATED IN LARGE PART TO THE REVENGE REPRISALS FOR THE RECENT MURDERS OF THE FRANGIEH FAMILY. REFERRING TO HIS RECENT VISIT TO BEIRUT HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT A PRINCIPAL PROBLEM IS THE LACK OF POWER AND

AUTHORITY IN THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON WHICH SEEMED TO
NEED ITS RESOURCES TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.
HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT PERSONALLY THE UN
MILITARY COMMANDER AS WELL AS OTHER REPRESENTATIVES IN
SYRIA AND BEIRUT SO THAT THEY WOULD BE AWARE OF HIS GRAVE
CONCERN. HE RECOGNIZES THAT ANY SUSTAINED VIOLENCE CAN
ONLY HARM THE UN MILITARY FORCES. HE WILL THEREFORE SEEK
EVERY POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTIVE INTERVENTION.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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